

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your interest in the Veterans History Project that I have developed with the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 to collect and preserve the oral and written histories of the men and women who fought or who supported our troops during wartime. Each state is responsible for identifying and interviewing veterans for the project. The interviews will be stored in the permanent collection at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC and made available to the public and future generations on the Internet. A copy will also be preserved at the Historical Society in Bismarck.



I want to make sure North Dakota is well represented in this national project. I have been working with the Historical Society and others to put this program in motion in our state. We have begun the process and, through funds I secured as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the project will have a full-time coordinator.

However, the key to the success of this project is you. Enclosed you will find additional information about the project and how you can get involved as a volunteer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Byron L. Dorgan".

Byron L. Dorgan
U.S. Senator

VETERANS WANTED!

There are approximately 60,000 veterans in North Dakota who proudly served our country during wartime. Each of these veterans has a story to tell about their service to our nation. Their stories and experiences can help us and future generations to better understand these trying times in our nation's history.

The project wants to interview all North Dakota veterans, including those who served during:

- World War II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Persian Gulf War
- War in Iraq

Our goal is to interview every North Dakota veteran who wants to share his or her story for Senator Dorgan's Veterans History Project.



Be a Part of History: Volunteer Interviewers Needed

For every North Dakota veteran who wants to be interviewed for the project, we need a volunteer to capture this story on tape. Whether you are a student, a veteran interested in conducting a peer interview, or just interested in being a part of this exciting project, we can use your help. What better way to learn more about a time in our country's history or about a fellow North Dakotan than by becoming a Veterans History Project volunteer interviewer? Be a part of history by completing and mailing in the enclosed volunteer form.

About the Interview

The key to a great interview is a prepared interviewer. The Historical Society of North Dakota has created guidelines and suggested interview questions to help you prepare for your interview. Interviewers should have a basic knowledge of the war they are covering, as well as the general period in which the activities took place. Contact the State Historical Society of North Dakota for more details.

Oral History Kit

The State Historical Society of North Dakota has assembled a dozen Oral History Kits that can be used to record these interviews. The kits include a professional quality cassette recorder, microphones, batteries and microphone stands. Interviewers can also use their own recording equipment. Contact the State Historical Society to make sure your equipment meets the project guidelines.

Photos and Papers

Veterans can also donate photographs and papers relevant to their wartime service to the Veterans History Project. Of particular interest are diaries, letters, and photos of the veterans in uniform or in service. The documents will be preserved and stored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Adopt the Project

Schools, youth groups and historical clubs are encouraged to adopt Senator Dorgan's Veterans History Project (VHP) as class or group project. Organizations can help the project by identifying veterans, conducting interviews, transcribing interviews or organizing a VHP interview event. Get involved and make a difference today!

SIGN-UP SHEET



Yes, I'm Interested in Participating in Senator Dorgan's Veterans History Project!

I am a:

_____ **VETERAN:** I am interested in sharing my story for the project.

I served in:

_____ World War II

_____ Korean War

_____ Vietnam War

_____ Persian Gulf War

_____ War in Iraq

_____ **VOLUNTEER:**

There are several ways you can help the Veterans History Project. Please check below to tell us how you'd like to help:

_____ Conduct an interview

_____ Transcribe an interview

_____ Identify a veteran who wants to be interviewed

_____ Other: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Mail form to: State Historical Society of North Dakota, Attn: Veterans History Project, 612 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0660

Thank you in advance for your interest and help in preserving these stories and memories for future generations.



If you are a North Dakota war veteran who is interested in sharing your story or are interested in volunteering as an interviewer for the project, please contact the Veterans Service Officer in your county, complete and mail in the enclosed volunteer form or contact us at the following numbers:

State Historical Society of North Dakota
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0660
701-328-2668
www.state.nd.us/hist/

U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan
P.O. Box 2579
Bismarck, ND 58502
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Veterans History Project Partners:

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State Historical Society of North Dakota
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